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Selected NCI Press Releases / NewsCenter Items

Available at http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/.

- NCI Researchers Induce Natural Killer Cells to Fight Liver Cancer in Mice (11/15/06)
- NCI Scientists Launch Spotlight on Molecular Profiling (11/07/06)
- NCI Researchers Identify Molecular Regulator for Blood Flow in Mice (11/02/06)
- Spiral CT Scans for Lung Cancer Screening: Fact Sheet (10/31/06)

Other NCI Publications of Interest

Available from the NCI Publications Ordering Service, https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs, or as noted.

- Cambios communes en los senos: Algunas cosas que usted debe saber (Common Breast Changes).
 Spanish version of Common Breast Changes discusses finding breast changes and answers common questions.
- Center for Cancer Research: Explore, Discover, Translate, Vol. 2. A two-volume progress report of the NCI's Center for Cancer Research, intended for an audience of advocacy groups, media, educators and others.
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Cancer Research. A brochure which discusses the potential of GIS for cancer researchers who do not currently use GIS in their work and may know only a little about the technology available, highlighting activities and resources from NCI.
- The Nation's Investment in Cancer Research: A
 Plan and Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2008.
 NCI's research priorities and its requested budget
 for the next fiscal year described for health care
 professionals and the interested public.
- Smoking and Tobacco Control Monograph 17: Evaluating ASSIST: A Blueprint for Understanding State-level Tobacco Control. This monograph describes the evaluation of NCI's ASSIST (American Stop Smoking Intervention Study for Cancer Prevention) program.
- Proceedings from Enhancing Interactions to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities: An NCI-wide Workshop November 2005. It may be ordered by calling 1-800-4-CANCER.

NCI Fact Sheet Collection

New, revised and reviewed titles. Available at http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/.

- Cancer Clinical Trials at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center: Questions and Answers (FS 1.22, 10/31/06)
- Early Prostate Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 5.23, 10/31/06)
- National Organizations That Offer Services to People With Cancer And Their Families (FS 8.1, 11/1/06)
- Pedido de publicaciones del Instituto Nacional del Cáncer: preguntas y respuestas (FS 1.20s, 10/20/06)

Other Items of Interest

- FDA Expands Use of Herceptin for Early Stage Breast Cancer After Primary Therapy (11/16/06) http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW015
 11.html
- FDA Approves New Treatment for Advanced Head and Neck Cancer (10/18/06) http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW014 93.html
- Cancer Survivors at Risk for Preterm Delivery (10/17/06)
 http://www.plm.pib.gov/medlipeplus/pews/fulls

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_4 0118.html

National Health Observances

The National Health Observances calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site: http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2006

December cancer-related observances:

National Aplastic Anemia Awareness Week (Dec. 1-7) **Looking ahead to January 2007:**

Cervical Health Awareness Month National Blood Donor Month Thyroid Awareness Month

Online Service - LiveHelp

Confidential, online text chat with a
National Cancer Institute Information Specialist.
Available Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST.
For cancer information and to order NCI
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(1-800-422-6237) or visit http://www.cancer.gov

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National Events of Interest

 National Cancer Institute's Office of Liaison Activities Teleconferences

Sponsor: NCI Office of Liaison Activities

Date/Time:

• Tuesday, December 5, 2006; 1:00 PM (EST)

"Cancer Chemoprevention: A Discussion of Benefits

and Risks'

Dr. Worta McCaskill-Stevens, Program Director, NCI

Division of Cancer Prevention

USA Toll-Free: 1-800-857-6584; Passcode:

PREVENT

Registration: Free. No registration is required.

Summary: All calls feature NCI experts and members of the advocacy community involved in their efforts. Callers are given the opportunity to ask questions. Tollfree playback is available for one month after each call. See http://ola.cancer.gov/activities/teleconferences for details.

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Sponsor: National Rural Health Association

Dates: May 14-18, 2007 **Location:** Anchorage, AK

Summary: To learn more about the conference, go to http://www.nrharural.org/conferences/sub/AnnConf.html.

 Save the Date: 2007 National Health Education Conference & SOPHE's 2007 Midyear Scientific Conference – The Changing Face of Health Education and Health Promotion

Sponsors: Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), Directors of Health Promotion and Education, and the Centers for Disease Control &

Prevention

Dates: June 7-9, 2007

Location: Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, WA

Summary: Preliminary information at

http://www.sophe.org/.

National Funding Opportunities - New listings

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-07-018: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R21)

Opening Date: March 23, 2007; until 2010

Letter of Intent Receipt Date for 2007: April 24 2007 Application Deadline: May 24

Summary: The ultimate goal of this program announcement is to encourage empirical research on health literacy concepts, theory and interventions as these relate to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' public health priorities that are outlined in its HealthierUS and Healthy People 2010 initiatives. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. For complete details, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-018.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-07-019: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R03)

Opening Date: March 23, 2007; until 2010

Letter of Intent Receipt Date for 2007: April 24 2007 Application Deadline: May 24

Summary: The ultimate goal of this program announcement is to encourage empirical research on health literacy concepts, theory and interventions as these relate to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' public health priorities that are outlined in its HealthierUS and Healthy People 2010 initiatives. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. For complete details, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-019.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-448 – AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03) Application Receipt Date: for 2007, March 24; until 2008

Summary: This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) supports Small Research Grant (R03) applications. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of health services research projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. For complete details, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-448.html.

Previously listed funding opportunities

Funding opportunities are listed one time only, due to space constraints. We can provide listings published in previous newsletters upon request.

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Ask the CIS Column

Short, easy-to-read columns based on the latest cancer information from NCI, in question-and-answer format for newsletters and other publications. Please contact your partnership program coordinator to access full columns. (Contact information is below.) This month's column offers quit smoking tips, describes oral cancer symptoms, explains how hospice can help those with advanced cancer, and offers tips for caregivers.

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